

TOP SECRET

Air Pouch

SECURITY INFORMATION

Chief, SE
Attn: []
Chief []

3 October 1952

BOPIEND

Fig Tree Operational Plan and Briefing (Part I and II)

REFERENCE: [] []

PART I

1. Fig Team was dispatched to Northern LCFLAKE on 22 September for infiltration o/a 24 September after having completed eight days of intensive training. Fig Tree was not to be accompanied by a guide, due to the inability of Gadvent's office to supply one at this time.

2. Team Composition

- a. AIRWISE - Leader
- b. RNDOLLAR - W/T Operator
- c. AIRBRAKE
- d. AIRERED
- e. AIRBORNE

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCE/METHOD/EXEMPTION 3B2B
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2007

3. Mission

- a. To infiltrate overland to the general area of Identity (1).
- b. To try to establish radio contact with base from 27 September on. Travel will be at night, with no persons being contacted until the operational area is reached.

4. Purpose of the Mission:

- a. To establish a winter W/T base in the area of Identity (1).
- b. To conduct reconnaissance and determine conditions within KMWAAHOO.
- c. To send out intelligence by W/T.
- d. To contact resistance leaders in their area of operations.

e. Fig will not

DOWN GRADE PER
CLASSIFICATION REVIEW DIVISION
R 000 JAN. 1980

TOP SECRET

83984

#2

~~TOP SECRET~~

- 2 -

SECURITY INFORMATION

e. Fig will not remain intact as a team throughout the winter months. The present plan calls for the leader and one other person to stay with the W/T operator. The two remaining members will exfiltrate to LCFLAKE.

5. Briefing

a. A general briefing was carried out over a two day period. It was intended to bring the team members abreast of the existing situation within KMWAHOO. Special attention was given to the matter of border crossing as Fig would be without a guide. Safehouses and friendly contacts were offered, however, they were not desired as the team leader had his own contacts. Fig was not informed of the existence of any other team in the area. The team code name of Fig was given them for use as a password only in the event of recrossing into LCFLAKE. Any runners sent out by the team would use Fig Special. Identity (2) and HTNEIGH cards were issued using their pseudonyms.

b. No prearranged schedule was established for D/Z's and drop dates because Fig was not certain of any D/Z in their area of operation. The dates for drop were discussed.

c. In the event that no radio contact is made within ten days, runners will return to base with the drop dates and D/Z.

d. It is intended that Fig will attempt contact immediately upon clearing the border area within KMWAHOO.

6. Training

a. An extensive training schedule was carried out with all members of the team participating. This consisted of map and compass problems, firing, assembling and disassembling of weapons, daily marches overland in mountainous areas carrying field equipment, survival problems, first aid and field hygiene, use of concentrated rations, setting up and operating radio set in the field and establishing contact with base, and a general review of types of intelligence we are particularly interested in with problems in observation and intelligence reporting. In addition to the above, instructions were given in types of D/Z for body drops, for supply, conditions that are necessary for covert craft to make a successful pass at the D/Z and leave the area.

b. After discussions held between [] and [], a new plan for setting up of "wind" "T" was presented to Fig. In addition to the proposed changes the letter "L" flashed by a hand light will act as additional identification.

7. Remarks

~~TOP SECRET~~

83984

~~TOP SECRET~~

SECURITY INFORMATION

7. Remarks

a. Fig appeared in excellent physical condition and morale was extremely high. Although the calibre of the team members can not be considered very high, we do feel that Fig's sincere desire to do a good job will be some compensation.

b. Fig Team leader will attempt to contact Identity (3) to determine what aid or assistance and what use can be made of Identity (3) net in Identity (4).

PART II

1. Following is a detailed account of the Fig Tree infiltration attempt. As mentioned in Part I, Fig was not accompanied by a guide, therefore Nan 2544 which was known to AIRWISE, would be used as the point of infiltration. After discussions with the LCFLAKE border officer AIRWISE was told that Nan 2544 could not be used due to a recent clash between the LCFLAKES and KMWAAHOOS. Thus, Oboe 2497 was agreed upon as the point of penetration.

2. At 2000 hours 23 September, Fig Tree headed for the KMWAAHOO border. Fig Tree's journey was unhampered until they reached point Oboe 2468, where they were detected by an Army patrol of unknown size. Fighting broke out immediately, during which 2 members of the KMWAAHOO patrol were killed. There were no serious injuries suffered by Fig Tree, AIRWISE suffered minor cuts which were properly treated by LCFLAKE authorities. Fig Tree lost 60% of their personal equipment.

3. Items of interest that should be noted are:

a. Fig was able to identify the patrol as being from Northern KMWAAHOO as they spoke to each other in that dialect.

b. Fig reported that immediately after the outbreak 7 vehicles were seen coming from Identity (1) and heading for the trouble area. This was confirmed by LCFLAKE authorities. (It is not definitely known that the above mentioned vehicles were dispatched as a result of the outbreak and it seems unlikely that this could be the case, due to the number of vehicles).

c. The presence of a KMWAAHOO patrol at Oboe 2497 could possibly be explained in the following ways: (1) Word may have leaked out that an infiltration was to be effected in this area; (2) Recent reports of arrest in the general area may have caused KMWAAHOO authorities to increase their activities; or (3) It is possible that a supply depot of some type may be in that vicinity and thus possibly explain the vehicle movements.

d. Fig Tree's report

~~TOP SECRET~~

83984

~~TOP SECRET~~

- SECURITY INFORMATION

d. Fig Tree's report that fire and smoke grenades were used would throw some light on recent reports of maneuvers in this general area and possibly assist in explaining the patrol of Northern KMWAAHOOS and the vehicle activity.

e. The loss of the RS-5 radio could not possibly have been avoided according to Fig Tree. RNDOLLAR, the W/T operator, reported that a fire grenade hit his radio bag and thus forced him to abandon the radio. (His personal story that he dropped the container in a deep ditch to insure that it would not fall into KMWAAHOOS hands intact, is hard to believe because of numerous fallacies in his story). The signal plan was destroyed and scattered piecemeal on the exfiltration route.

f. As explained in reference, Fig Tree was re-outfitted at the border area and plans were formulated with LCFLAKE authorities to reinfiltrate them on or about 2 October.

[J:lgk

Attachments (s.c.)

1. Identities
2. A-D - EIO Info.
3. A-D - Info on Leter Njeftim

Distribution:

Wash: 3
Chrono: 1
Regist: 1
BQFIEND: 2

~~TOP SECRET~~

83984

~~TOP SECRET~~

SECURITY INFORMATION

Attachment 1 to C)

Identity (1) - Treseva

(2) - Leter Njoftin

(3) - Shefket Gega

(4) - Kerca

DOWN GRADE PER
CLASSIFICATION REVIEW DIVISION
FOR DDO JAN. 1980

83984-A
#2

~~TOP SECRET~~

TOP SECRET

SECURITY INFORMATION
Attach. 2-A to C

Name: Rushit Plaku
Date of Birth: January 22, 1932
Place of Birth: Konispol
Father's Name: Ali
Date of Birth: March 13, 1884
Place of Birth: Konispol
Mother's Name: Tidize
Date of Birth: May 29, 1900
Place of Birth: Konispol
Place of Residence: Konispol
Under Prefecture: Konispol
Religion: Moslem
Leading Profession: Farmer
Present Profession: Radio Operator
Military Service: None
Wife's Name: Does Not Apply
Education: 9 years
Height: 5'5"
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown
Distinguishing Features: None

83984 -A

TOP SECRET

~~TOP~~ SECRET

SECURITY INFORMATION

Attach. #2-B to ()

Name: Bari Pane
Date of Birth: 1918
Place of Birth: Tresove
Father's Name: Takushe Pane
Date of Birth: 1890
Place of Birth: Tresova
Place of Residence: Tresova
Under Prefecture: Korce
Religion: Moslem
Leading Profession: Farmer
Present Profession: Farmer
Military Service: None
Wife's Name: Maria
Date of Birth: 1917
Place of Birth: Xhevarisht
Number of Children: 4
Education: None
Political Party: Legalitet
Height: 1.70
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown
Distinguishing Features: None

~~TOP~~ SECRET

83984 -A

~~TOP SECRET~~

SECURITY INFORMATION

Attach. #2-C to C)

Name: Shefket Sakollari
Date of Birth: 1920
Place of Birth: Tresove
Father's Name: Rexhep Sakollari
Date of Birth: 1895
Place of Birth: Tresove
Mother's Name: Diliko Panela
Date of Birth: 1912
Place of Birth: Tresove
Place of Residence: Tresove
Under Prefecture: Korce
Religion: Moslem
Leading Profession: Farmer
Present Profession: Farmer
Military Service: None
Wife's Name: Does Not Apply
Education: 4 years
Political: Party Legality
Height: 1.70
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown
Distinguishing Features: Scar on left arm

~~TOP SECRET~~

83984 - A

Attach. #2-D to ()

Name: Mitat Rume
Date of Birth: 1923
Place: Gostivisht
Father's Name: Rume
Date of Birth: 1894
Place of Birth: Gostivisht
Mother's Name: Hstikzhe
Date of Birth: 1912
Place of Birth: Qihame
Under Prefecture: Erseka
Religion: Moslem
Leading Profession: Farmer
Present Profession: Farmer
Military Service: None
Wife's Name: Does Not Apply
Education: 3 years
Political Party: Legaletit
Height: 1.65
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown
Distinguishing Features: None

~~TOP SECRET~~

83984 - A

TOP SECRET

SECURITY INFORMATION

Attach. 3-4 to ()

Pseudo: Xhemal Beqir
Team : Fig Tree
Code : Fig Tree
Area : Korce

INFORMATION ON LETTER NJOFTIM

Pseudo: Xhemal Beqir
Age : 20
Father's Name: Ali
Mother's Name: Jamie
Date of Birth: 22 January 1932
Civilian Status: Single
Residence: Berat
Street No.: --
Prefecture: Berat
Sub Prefecture: Berat
Religion: Moslem
Profession: Farmer

TOP SECRET

83984 - A

TOP SECRET

SECURITY INFORMATION

Attach. #3-B to ()

Pseudo: Mehmet Dervish
Team: Fig Tree
Code: Fig Tree
Code: Fig Tree
Area: Korce

INFORMATION ON LETTER NJOFTIM

Father's Name: Dervish Mehmet
Mother's Name: Ruki
Date of Birth: 17 January 1917
Place of Birth: Kronnisht
Civil Status: Single
Residence: Kronnisht
Street Number: —
Sub Prefecture: Korce
Religion: Moslem
Leading Profession: Farmer
Present Profession: Farmer
Military Service: None
Height: 1.60
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown
Identifying Features: None

TOP SECRET

83984 -A

Attach. #3-C to ()

Pseudo: Mehmet Hasan
Team: Fig Team
Code: Fig Tree
Area: Korce

INFORMATION ON LETER NJOFTIM

Father's Name: Hasan Mehmet
Mother's Name: Fadile
Date of Birth: 6 June 1920
Place of Birth: Qenske
Civil Status: Single
Residence: Qenske
Street Number: --
Sub Prefecture: Pogradec
Religion: Moslem
Leading Profession: Farmer
Present Profession: Farmer
Military Service: None
Height: 1.72
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown
Identifying features: None

TOP SECRET

83984 -A

~~TOP SECRET~~

SECURITY INFORMATION

Attach. #3-D to ()

Pseudo: Ibrahim Ali
Team : Fig Team
Code : Fig Tree
Area: : Korce

INFORMATION ON LETTER NJOFTIM

Father's Name: Ali Ibrahim
Mother's Name: Gake Ibrahim
Date of Birth: March 7, 1923
Place of Birth: Tresova
Civil Status: Single
Residence: Luaras
Street Number: --
Sub Prefecture: Ersek
Religion: Moslem
Leading Profession: Farmer
Present Profession: Farmer
Military Status: None
Height: 1.60
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown
Identifying features: None

~~TOP SECRET~~

83984 -A